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ABERHART MUST GO!

Preservation of Democratic Government Demands Stern Measures to Cope With Anarchists Now in Control

Let there be no self-deception in the matter. The danger to Confederation, to democracy, to all the principles of British freedom and justice, is no longer a vague threat. It is real. It is present and actually in operation in this province of Alberta.

By its open, wilful, calculated, insulting defiance of the federal government, the provincial government has challenged the sovereignty of legally constituted authority. And by its deliberate incitations to violent resistance to this authority, it has declared a state of insurrection against the federal government lacking only the application of physical force to materialize the verbal declaration into physical reality.

"War has been declared," N. B. James, M.L.A., stated in behalf of Premier Aberhart from the Social Credit political pupit in Edmonton recently; "diplomatic relations have been severed with the enemy. The fight is on."

Speaking from the same pulpit, Mr. Aberhart in quoting the words inscribed on a European fort said: "Die under the ruins of this fort rather than surrender. That is the spirit which must animate this movement." It is not out of order to also recall now his famous Seaforth, Ont., speech in which he declared: "You can help to bring in Social Credit or see blood running down the streets."

"There is going to be a change in Alberta REGARDLESS OF COST," G. L. MacLachlan, chairman of the Social Credit Board, stated at a meeting in Daysland. At the same meeting a resolution was passed warning Premier King that Social Crediters would "go to ANY ENDS to see Premier Aberhart through to a successful conclusion."

Hon. D. B. Mullen: "No matter what acts are disallowed, there is always some way to get around them."

Mrs. E. Gostick, M.L.A.: "The militant aspect has now arrived."

Rev. E. G. Hansell, M.P.: "We are going to stand behind the premier of this province and say 'We are with you until the last dog is hung, whether he be a politician or not'."

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MAJOR C. H. DOUGLAS:—

"A Frigid, Calculated, VERMINOUS LIE!"

Every person in the crowd of between two and three thousand in attendance at the special Social Credit anniversary rally at St. George's Island here on August 28 received an unmistakably "visible and audible" demonstration on that occasion of our oft-repeated charge that Premier William Aberhart, B.A., is a disgusting, contemptible liar.

We refer, of course, to the telegram dispatched by that gathering to the Prime Minister of Canada alleging that "over 20,000 citizens of Calgary assembled demand that Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King submit to the will of the people of Alberta," etc., which is perhaps the most stupid, barefaced lie ever uttered in public by a public man in the history of Canada.

There simply are no two sides to the question, no possible extenuation whatsoever for this gross falsehood. It was deliberate, premeditated.

That W. R. Herbert, president of the Calgary Social Credit constituency association, had the shocking effrontery to read the telegram to the gathering before him when he must have known that every person present would immediately recognize it as a damnable lie, provides no excuse, but merely serves to emphasize the moral perverseness which appears to seize all who become contaminated with the poison of Aberhartism. To argue that he only made an innocent

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Mayor Davison Hammers Socreds

Calgary's Fighting Chief Magistrate Lashes Out at The Aberhart Government

I read with much interest your leading article in the issue of "The Rebel" of August 27th, entitled "Why Communists Support Aberhart," and I desire to congratulate you on its excellence.

I believe that all sane and sensible thinking people in Alberta would be well advised to give serious thought to the present political situation in our province. If they do, they must realize that we no longer have a democratic government, that instead we are fast heading towards a dictatorship equally as pernicious and equally as domineering as that now in existence in Russia.

Both on the floor of our Legislature and in public addresses, supporters of Premier Aberhart have given voice to statements that can mean nothing else than the forcible regimentation of our people and the wielding of the Big Stick on those of us who have courage enough to oppose such tactics and such policies.

In the final analysis, Alberta ceased to have a democratic government last March when our Premier and his cabinet colleagues hoisted the white flag and surrendered, for the time being, to the insurgent members of his party. The insurgents were certainly outspoken. They washed a lot of dirty linen on the floor of the house. They charged the Premier and his supporters with breach of faith. They insisted that Mr. Aberhart had no Social Credit plan, and, even if he did have one, he was not capable of putting it into effect. They evidently had reached the conclusion that their idol and his cabinet supporters had feet of clay. Indeed, they seemed inclined to

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Many equally inflammatory utterances by Social Crediters were quoted in our last issue, and more could be given here. Everywhere one hears them talk of "war," "bullets," "guns," "fight," "enemy," "attack," etc., all of it calculated to arouse the populace to a dangerous pitch of emotionalism. The atmosphere is super-charged with the spirit of violence, and any untoward incident could bring about an explosion.

The time for pussyfooting, for temporizing has passed. The time for definite, determined ACTION is here, NOW. The declared intentions and the acts of the dangerous gang of anarchists in control of the province are a direct, specific challenge to the rights of every liberty-loving Canadian, and only a coward will refuse to accept the challenge. Aberhart has asked for "visible and audible" demonstration of public sentiment. Very well, as we have urged before, let him have it—lots of it—sufficient of it to make him realize that his little jig is up, most definitely and completely up. The protest meeting in Calgary last week was a good beginning, but only a beginning. Let citizens everywhere, in every community, show their determination to put an early end to this tragic farce which would substitute the curse of regimentation and dictatorship for our blood-bought heritage of freedom. Let us defend this heritage with all the vigor necessary to ensure its protection.

And remember: "The best defence is ATTACK."

To the "PLEDGE-M.L.A.'s"

So you are still sticking to the terms of your latest "keep-your-mouth-shut" pledge! Well, considering that you were first of all hand-picked for your, ah, shall we say, tractability? it is no great wonder that you submitted to the degrading humiliation of pledging yourselves not to use the minds and consciences God gave you.

It would be too flattering to the apparent standard of your intelligence to grant that you had voluntarily CHOSEN to thus degrade yourselves; for if you had enough brains to be capable of making a choice at all, you would not have chosen to submit to such an insult to and violation of your honor. By signing the pledge, you admitted to the world that you were morally and intellectually unfit to be trusted to say and do the right and honorable thing at the right time.

You are now mere puppets, to jump and bob and kowtow as Powell, Byrne and Douglas pull the strings. You dare not exercise your feelings and moral preferences, if any. Your intellectual faculties must not be used in the discharge of your obligations to the people. You dare not reason, judge, discriminate, or decide in regard to anything for yourselves. Your opinions, ideas and actions are prescribed for you, and at best all that is permitted you is to indulge in ape-like imitation of your masters. You have abdicated your reason. Your desires and impulses are not your own. You are automatons, without character. As human beings you have lost all value and right to call yourselves men.

MAYOR DAVISON HAMMERS SOCREDS—Continued from Page 1.

extend their anatomical researches to the front benchers' heads as well, with no more complimentary results.

Having thus surrendered, (or was he merely "co-operating"?) Mr. Aberhart, in order to retain his job, then agreed to the appointment of a commission composed of Social Credit members of the Legislature, who in future were to rule our Province without interference from the elected representatives of the people. In doing this, it must be admitted that Mr. Aberhart, or whoever was advising him, was most astute and clever. In future, failure to provide the much-promised and much-delayed basic dividend, failure to reduce the "cost to live", failure to reduce taxation, failure to find steady work for the thousands of Alberta unemployed, all could be blamed on this commission.

While Mr. Aberhart did not display any fight, it must be admitted that one or two of his loyal supporters were at least quite vocal. Take Mrs. Gostick as an example. This loquacious lady, who has blossomed over night into a constitutional authority and an "expert" on economics, was most unkind in her references to the insurgents. She implied that they were an aggregation of nit-wits, that they were angry because some of them had not been given cabinet posts and that had it not been for the Christian charity of her divinely-inspired leader in naming them as candidates they would have been on relief. All of which added to the gaiety of the occasion and no doubt made Mrs. Gostick feel much better.

While the insurgents had not succeeded in their publicly-avowed intention of decapitating the Premier, they (so they foolishly thought) had effectively clipped his wings. Social Credit was now looming on the horizon. It might only be a small cloud like unto a man's hand, but it was a beginning. The chairman of the commission went to England. He interviewed the High Priest of Social Credit at Fig Tree Court and victoriously came back to Canada with exhibit No. 1, in the person of a self-styled "expert", the glib Mr. Powell, who was to direct the institution of Social Credit in Alberta and who is today the real ruler of our Province. Then later, Mr. Byrne appeared in Edmonton, less glib but equally as "expert" as Mr. Powell.

The insurgents were delighted, the loyalists non-committal. Much to the discomfiture of the former, Major Douglas' emissaries decided to pin their faith on the Premier. Stereotyped interviews were purveyed to the press by these gentlemen lauding Mr. Aberhart to the skies, congratulating him on what he had done for Alberta (rather than being truthful and telling us what he had done to Alberta!) and generally intimating to us "colonials" that all was well, to be of good cheer, for the basic dividends were now on their way and would be out of the trenches by Christmas.

Some fast and effective work was then indulged in by these two transients. The insurgents were whipped into line. All but half a dozen of them signed a covenant, guaranteeing to be good boys, to love, honor and obey their Premier and to do everything that Messrs. Powell and Byrne decided should be done. Democracy, what crimes are committed in thy name! They became parties to the forwarding to the much-maligned bankers of the now-famous rubber stamp letter, from which it appeared that we all had the wrong idea about where the money was to come from to pay the basic dividends. Some of us understood that Mr. Aberhart was going to produce the cash, with his prolific fountain pen. But we had evidently been misinformed by the capitalistic press. It was really the banks who must provide the wherewithal. This information not only shocked the banks but surprised a lot of other people as well.

Then the "comrades" of the Communist party were called in. What happened at that interview is almost as great a secret as Mr. Aberhart's own plan to produce a modern-day Utopia in Alberta. This fact is known, however, that ever since that conference the Alberta disciples of Stalin are claiming that the Premier of Alberta is the other great man of this day and generation.

You are quite right in arguing that Social Credit as presently practiced in Alberta is much akin to Communism. The rule of the "Big Stick", as outlined and directed by a couple of alleged economists, whose knowledge of the Alberta situation has been gleaned from a "Cook's tour" of a small portion of our Province, after it has received the official blessing of the rotund owner of Fig Tree Court, is going to supplant what in the past was a democratic form of government.

Last March Mr. Aberhart hoisted the white flag. By high class political machinations he thoroughly spanked and subdued his insurgent followers. The white flag has been lowered and a red flag has been hoisted in its stead. And in Moscow there is more joy over the one Social Crediter who has repented than for the ninety and nine "comrades" already in the fold.

I believe the time has arrived in Alberta, indeed it is past due, when all opponents of the present dictatorial and inefficient regime should forget party politics and unite in getting rid of the blight which has wrecked the credit of our Province, which has created a feeling of distrust, suspicion and unrest among our people, which has forced our unemployed deeper into the mire of hopelessness and which has made us the laughing stock of the rest of the country.

This tragic but at the same time comic opera situation (if you have not lost all your sense of humor) reminds me of an old rhyme, which I believe is apropos of things as they presently are and have been in Alberta since the advent of the Aberhart government, and with it I conclude.

"When the devil was sick
The devil a saint would be
But when the devil was well
The Devil a saint was he."

—ANDREW DAVISON.

SANE ADMINISTRATION ESSENTIAL:

LON A. CAVANAUGH

PRESIDENT, CALGARY BOARD OF TRADE

There is no magic formula for correcting any of the difficulties or troubles that we must overcome in Alberta. There are no fanciful theories that are going to take the place of investment, building and employment. The World has been carrying on business for some several thousands of years, and gradually new ideas have been worked out, tried out and proven satisfactory, and have been worked into the so-called system.

This work has come about gradually and all mankind has benefitted from these developments. Within the last few years we have heard a lot of new phrases such as "monetization of credit," sharing our "cultural heritage," paying our way with "unearned increment" and so forth. These are all catch phrases intentionally meant to confuse the public.

Our share in cultural heritage today is undoubtedly the benefit that we derive from the development of science and the ingenuity of mankind. The average laborer lives today better than the kings of old. We press a button and our house is lighted with a flood of light; motors do the work that we used to do by hand; we turn a switch and our homes are heated with natural gas or oil; we reach for the telephone and commnicate with a friend across the street, or talk to loved ones many thousands of miles away, even across the vast spaces of the ocean. We sit at home in our comfortable chairs by the fireside at night and listen to lectures, music and entertainment of our own selection.

It is only a few years ago, and old time residents are still in Alberta who will remember, when it took four days to go by stage from Calgary to Edmonton, and just a few days ago a group of Edmonton business men came to Calgary by plane in exactly one hour.

These developments enable us to obtain our share of cultural heritage, and it is only senseless and useless for people to talk about obtaining any share of cultural heritage in any other manner.

What this province needs at the present time is a sane sensible administration that will take off restrictive legislation as far as capital is concerned, which will encourage investment of outside money in our province, and will make safe such investment so that more and more money will flow in. We are a young and new country, and it is quite true that we have natural resources worthy of development. This, however, again requires ingenuity of mankind to find a profitable market, confidence of investors to furnish the capital, and this in turn will supply an opportunity for employment to our people in Alberta.

Employment pyramids employment, for gradually as one industry starts and takes on a few men, they in turn require the services of other men to keep them supplied with necessities, and as their income grows they find a little surplus to use over and above their necessities and begin to buy luxuries. This in turn calls for more supplies and more employment, and in that way only will we work our way out of the difficulties that we have been experiencing.

Other provinces in Canada are going ahead rapidly with building programs, and our building trades in Alberta are at a standstill. There are sums of money that are available for building purposes, but these will not be released under the present administration. There is a lack of confidence at the present time, in fact there is exhibited on all sides signs of fear, anxiety and mistrust, and while that condition exists no one can expect that we are going to encourage outsiders to come in with their money and help us develop what we have.

The answer to our problem is to get a sane and sound government, proclaim to the World that we are ready to meet our obligations, refund our provincial debt on a satisfactory basis to our crediters, remove restrictions on the investment in capital, and encourage others in the belief and certainty that Alberta is a safe place for them to invest their money.—LON A. CAVANAUGH.

ROGUES AND AIR CASTLES

The following quotations submitted by a correspondent describe the situation in Alberta with accuracy. The first, from "Chivalry" by Rafael Sabatini:

"If by THE PEOPLE you mean the plebs, the populace, that is never to be educated; in all ages it is ready to listen to the first Seducer base enough to flatter it and to lead it by its foolish nose with lying promises of the effortless acquisition of the treasures of the earth. We are not without such rogues in Siena." And we certainly have them in Alberta!

And this from William George Jordan: "Living in an air castle is about as profitable as owning a half interest in the rainbow. It is no more nourishing than a dinner of twelve coures, eaten in a dream.... The atmosphere of air castles is heavy and stupifying with vague hopes and phantom ideals. The architectural error about air castles is that the owner builds them downward from their gilded turrets in the clouds instead of upward from a solid, firm founation of purpose and energy. This diet of lotus leaves is a mental narcotic, not a stimulant."

SOCIAL CREDIT STEERS?

Is this just another Bum Steer from the Aberhart government, or have we at last discovered the Social Credit secret method of getting something for nothing?

At a meeting in Calgary recently the Hon. Solon Low in telling a tearful tale of diabolical persecution by a plutocratic banker alleged that in one case a farmer near Edmonton had borrowed some money on the security of 100 fine steers. The following year the farmer attempted to borrow more money on the steers, but was not only refused but told that he would not be allowed to sell the steers or THEIR OFFSPRING.

The government should immediately get this farmer and those steers and install them, particularly the steers, in the place of its imported experts and let the steers do their stuff.

Enthusiasm Is Evaporating

One of the most significant and hopeful developments in the current battle between irrational emotionalism and reason lies in the indications that a great many of the more sane adherents of Social Credit are coming down to earth from their imaginative flights into the rapturous realm of the Aberhartian millenium. Judging by the lack of enthusiasm at recent meetings in Calgary and reports of similar coolness at other points in the province, it is apparent that while the initial dose of the Powell-Bryne-Douglas "visible and audible" hop undoubtedly had the effect of pepping a lot of Social Crediters up into fits of hysterical frenzy, subsequent doses appear to have lost their potency. The stuff just is not "taking."

It is obvious that thinking Social Crediters are getting tired of and dizzy from this perpetual motion merry-go-round of ballyhoo. The absurdity that things can be gotten by the simple process of howling for them is beginning to dawn on their minds and they suspect that perhaps they have been behaving like silly asses. Then, too, the grave dangers lurking in the unconstitutional and illegal acts of the government, the seditious utterances by its leaders, the flagrant incitations to violence and to contempt of law and order, the blasphemous blather about the "law of God"——all these things are beginning to register; and not all Social Crediters relish the prospect of physical violence to themselves along with political suicide at the same time—both of which are a reasonable certainty unless Social Crediters themselves snap out of their trance. Nothing is more certain than that if the Alberta government pursues its present course much farther, it will, like Louis Riel, bump plumb smack into all the powers, civil and military, of the federal government.

Another potent factor conducive to the cooling off of Social Credit hysteria is the disquieting realization that developments have taken a trend and reached a stage not at all anticipated by those who thought Aberhart to be an honest man. It is being recalled that according to a special, perfect plan Aberhart claimed to have locked up within his allegedly divinely-directed brain the introduction of Social Credit with all its wonderful trimmings was as marvellously simple as falling off a log. There would be no constitutional difficulties, the great leader declared from his pulpit. There would be no need of banks and certainly no "control" of their policy; no conflict with federal laws. All would be done by sweet "co-operation." Just a stroke of the fountain pen and dividends would come out of the blue sky like nobody's business. Just like that. No rough stuff.

Thoughts like these are disturbing in the face of the stark anarchy rearing its ugly head in consequence of Aberhart's crazy Hitlerism. And as even so-called Social Crediters are in the main still Canadians at heart, it is only to be expected that their enthusiasm should evaporate in the presence of a thing finally revealed as altogether the contrary of what they had been led to believe by a scoundrelly, pulpit-prostituting racketeer.

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REBELETTES

MISTER "EBERHARDT"—At the protest rally last week here Mr. Davies of Didsbury said that since Aberhart had dropped the "d" from his name, "Aberhardt," he had been dropping "other things." Not that it matters a toot, but just for Mr. Davies' information it may be said that our mutual friend also substituted an "A" for the original "E" in his correct name of "Eberhardt." Upon second thought, perhaps there is some psychological connection between our premier's monkeying with his name and his penchant for mutilating the truth in other things.

"SANCTIFIED STUPIDITY"—This definition of Aberhartism by Mayor Davison the other day wins The Rebel's special prize of one lur-fined swy-flotter.

REDS SATISFIED—"This province should be proud of its history since August 22, 1935," says Leslie Morris, prominent Alberta Communist leader. The Reds have indeed every reason to feel proud of Aberhartism, for under the label of "social credit" and behind a smoke-screen of religion, Communism has made greater progress in Alberta during the past two years than it could possibly have made under its proper name.

TOO LATE, MR. CHANT!—We agree with the Social Crediters of your constituency, Mr. Chant, that you should resign. If you have now discovered that you cannot conscientiously co-operate with Aberhart in his dirty, unethical practices, you are reminded that your conscience apparently did not bother you when you allowed yourself to be hand-picked and elected by exactly the same despicable methods. You are equally guilty with Aberhart of the moral crime committed against the people of Alberta. Repudiating Aberhart now will not clear you. The stain upon your honor can be removed only by proving the sincerity of your contrition in resigning and throwing yourself upon the mercy of the people whom you deluded in the first instance. Some day we hope to see a Social Credit member of the legislature big enough to really face the issue in this manner. On that day we shall have much joy in paying tribute to a man of honor and courage.

SIGNIFICANT—The Social Credit Supplement of The Albertan carried not one word of the special anniversary rally held at St. George's island. Why was this very important S.C. event thus boycotted? Could it possibly have been on account of the stinking "over 20,000" lie? We note that the falsehood was published in Maynard's paper, but one would expect to see it there. Miss Baker, secretary of the Calgary S.C. constituency association, repeated it over radio station CJCJ, but perhaps she is more to be pitied than censured for her part in disseminating this cheap lie.

NAME IT!—In his letter of protest to Prime Minister King on the disallowance of his bank legislation, Aberhart claims that the federal government had not disallowed a certain Manitoba act declared ultra vires over fifty years ago. The Manitoba attorney general says he knows nothing of this act. Aberhart should, in his words to Major Douglas, "be more specific" and name it. But he won't.

READ THEM ALL!—If Aberhart were really concerned with making the "will of the people" known, he would also read from his pupit some of the letters and telegrams of protest sent to him instead of only those of flattery and praise. The following words appeared in a wire sent to Premier King by a Drumheller resident, and a copy went to Aberhart: "Are you going to take this boy (Aberhart) in hand or shall we take the law into our own hands? Thousands as well as myself are ready for sport." The humor underlying the serious note does not hide the fact that thoughts of violence are not confined to Social Crediters alone, and if trouble comes Aberhart may find that he will have to deal with a host of "good shots" right here in Alberta rather than with the mythical Fifty Big Shots of the East.

REAL DANGER—Elmer Roper in the People's Weekly: "I am convinced that the danger to liberty and democracy in Alberta is real and imminent. I cannot conceive of any political event that might take place in the province which is likely to be more menacing to freedom and more of a detriment to social progress than the continuance of the Aberhart regime."

JUSTICE IN REVERSE!—The banks would have to prove their right to "usurp the people's credit," said Aberhart in an address at Clive. Our dear premier has still to learn that under the British way the prosecution must prove the guilt of the accused, and not that the accused must prove his innocence.

FALSE TOOTH?—Dr. H. K. Brown, M.L.A., says that he is behind the government's policies "tooth and nail." Dr. Brown is a dentist, and no dobt he could scrape up the odd tooth, and perhaps a few rusty nails for ammunition in this "war" that is supposed to be under way.

NUTS FOR THE NUTS—"Our task," says J. H. Blackmore, M.P., "is to find a kind of NUTS money for the people of Alberta. He made this statement in a radio address in which he told the old saw about the savages on a South Seas island who used sharks' teeth for money until with a change in the wind no more sharks were cast upon the shore to provide teeth. After much suffering in the midst of plenty it was discovered that nuts would serve the purpose of money as well as did the teeth, and lo and behold the depression was over. Perhaps we should have used nuts instead of scrip.

ELIMINATING HOOEY—It may or may not be significant, but it is a fact that since we started to "poke fun" at them the special feature articles on interpretation of dreams and the hooey setting forth the "Message of the Stars" have been dropped from the Social Credit Supplement of The Albertan. Give us time and we shall yet make a good paper of The Albertan.

LOOK AT HOME—In a recent "sermon" at Aberhart's Pathetic Bible Substitute, Cyril Hutchinson made a big fuss over an alleged misrepresentation of Powell and Byrne by the Australian press. Criticism, like charity, should begin at home; and if Mr. Hutchinson would do himself the favor of examining into the utterances made from the same pulpit by his revered leader and statements contained in his own party organ and made over its radio station, he would find misrepresentation aplenty, and certainly of more local interest than allegedly wild statements made in Australia. That "over 20,000" lie, for instance.

SLIM DIVIDENDS—It is reported to us that the collection at the S.C. meeting held recently in the Victoria Pavilion totalled less than $80, or just about two cents each for the four thousand reported to have been in attendance.

THAT "YOUR" STUFF—Every time we hear the CJCJ announcer say that "this address has come to you under the auspices of YOUR Alberta Social Credit League," we feel like vomiting. But perhaps we are not supposed to listen to the political tripe from that station.

BRAVE SOCREDS!—We are informed that a Social Credit meeting in the Labor Temple some time ago at which Mrs. Gostick spoke this dear, talkative lady caused quite an uproar when, allegedly under the impression that we were in the audience called upon us to make our presence known. When we failed to do so, for the excellent reason that we were not there, the audience is said to have had a jolly time "booing" us and whatnot. We wrote to Mrs. Gostick asking for an explanation of this silly exhibition, but so far have not been honored with a reply.

ANOTHER GOSTICKLE—Says rumor-monger Mrs. E. Gostick, M.L.A.: "I am fully in accord with having a license on the press. We have reporters and editors who are paid for misinforming the public." One immediate effect of press licensing would be that if under license newspapers had to publish "nothing but the truth;" not one of them would take a chance on printing anything said by Mrs. Gostick.

"THAT WAS NICE!"—"That was nice," said a Jewish friend to us the other day in commenting on the "over 20,000" lie uttered over the air by Aberhart in regard to the attendance at the S.C. rally on St. George's island. "There was the pulpit; there was the Bible on it; and there was Aberhart with the name of his Jesus and that God-damned lie in his mouth at the same time. That was nice!" This observation from a Jew may well serve as a telling admonition to Christians to ponder seriously over the horrible mockery being made of their religion by the premier of Alberta.

A YANKEE SNEEZE—We have a sister living in Seattle, and she gets The Rebel, gratis, of course, the cheap-skate. But this crack in a recent letter from her more than pays for her subscription: "Regard

ng this Aberhart," she says, "you certainly don't stutter when you ll him.'

"THE WILL OF GOD"—There is much loose talk these days f the federal government's disallowance of the bank legislation being ot only contrary to the will of the people but of the will of God. ober reflection should convince any sane person that the situation is xactly reversed. If anyone is offending in these matters, it is Aberhart, ho in his defiance of the federal government and his attempt to bar itizens from the courts, is guilty of the triple crime of committing an legal act, opposing the will of the Canadian people, and going contrary o the Scriptural injunction to be "subject unto the higher powers."

THAT'S THAT!—After the haymaker hung on their wagging aws by Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna in his public statement here the ther day, Social Crediters will no longer be able to use him as the oat for pawning off their idiotic drivel by simply quoting his famous tatement that "every loan creates a deposit." The statement is quite rue, but Social Crediters are never honest enough to also point out hat every such deposit is a LIABILITY. What a "sock" he gave hem by declaring that "There is no such thing as Social Credit. It is a phantasma, a figment of the mind, a myth uncomprehended even y its own promoters." Laugh that off, Socreds!

CAN THIS BE TRUE?—The allegation by E. L. Gray at the protest rally here last week that the federal minister of agriculture had spent several weeks in the province trying to find ways of spending a million dollars on government projects but that Alberta cabinet ministers had been "too busy talking" to take advantage of the offer, is so serious as to demand an immediate explanation. The Alberta government has failed on other occasions to avail itself of federal monies. Is all this deliberate? Is it just part of a scheme to purposely aggravate the economic condition of the people to further the obviously destructive schemes of our S.C.-Communist government? Aberhart must answer!

PROOF OF THE PUDDING—The "Daily Clarion," Communist paper, in its issue of Sept. 1 carries the photographs of Premier Aberhart and Lawrence Anderson, secretary to the Alberta Communist party, on its front page, side by side, under the common caption "A New Deal for Alberta." Those Social Crediters who have resented our charge that Aberhartism is Communism can now have the proof of the pudding in the eating. There is no longer any doubt as to the alliance and sympathy between and similarity of doctrine of Social Credit and Communism. And you don't need to take our word for it, either.

FROM CARBON—After reading your paper I came to the conclution that it is no wonder that Aberhart is talking about licening the press. . . . It behooves one think and to wake up to the fact that instead of litreture worth reading being sold on the street of Calgary we have to find out that some of it is stuff that one begins to wonder weather over intelegant men wrote it or weather it came from an unfortunate inmate of a mantual instition.—E.B.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

What sort of schemes will be presented at the forthcoming special session of the legislature to carry into effect the government's declared intention to carry on with its illegal legislation despite disallowance by the Dominion? We can only guess; but as the Alberta government takes its orders from London, we must look in that direction for indications as to what is likely to transpire. So we quote from the "New Age," a Social Credit publication in London:

"No; the Albertan government are quite right in conveying the legislative hint that judges have no locus standi in the present political Court of Arraign. . . . There are reasons why the bankers will not encourage invocation of the law, and also why judges will not welcome the responsibility of pronouncing against the government. The cogency of these reasons depends upon the resolution of the government. For if the Albertan government proceeded to enforce their legislation in spite of invalidation, the judgment of the court would have to be enforced on them. The agencies of this force are, of course, policemen in the first resort and soldiers in the second. . . . From whom would the police in Alberta take their orders? Mr. Mackenzie King or Mr. Aberhart? Their choice would be decided by the temper of the Albertan people, who, if they were solid behind Aberhart, and meant business, would tell the police what they must do or not do, or possibly would form a police force from their own numbers under government authorisation. In that case the Dominion government would have to march soldiers into Alberta to capture and replace the police, and to rescue from prison any bankers or agents thereof who had broken Alberta's new laws. . . . Before any step like this is taken there will be an experiment in the calling of bluffs. . . . The truth is that although the Dominion government may have the right to suppress the Albertan legislature, a legal right is not a moral permit. And on the long, the statesmanlike view, the morality of a stroke of policy is more weighty than its legality."

With legislation which it claims to be absolutely essential to the introduction of "social credit" invalidated by the Dominion, the provincial government has, apart from complete surrender or resignation, no alternative but to attempt something along the foolish and dangerous lines suggested above.

On "HATING ABERHART"

Despite several explanations by us in the matter, there are still those who continue, behind our back, and never to our face, to say that the manner of our opposition to Aberhart is motivated by hatred toward him personally, and that we are therefore unfair and un-Christian.

However, we refer to the matter here not to defend ourself, for we know where we stand, but to attack the hypocrisy and inconsistency of those who, while they agree that Aberhartism is a menace, would at the same time refrain from denouncing Aberhart himself, the very author or personification of the menace they profess to abhor. It is all so silly! "The fear of the Lord is to HATE evil." Any conception or profession of love, of justice, of righteousness, which does not find expression in condemnation of evil is but a cloak for moral cowardice. The measure of our hatred of evil is, indeed, the only real measure of our love of good, and they are liars who, professing to love the right, do not hate the wrong.

"....ON GUARD FOR THEE!"

From Capt. F. C. Pilkington of the central executive of the Canadian Guard, a patriotic organization in Vancouver having as its general objective protection of British ideals and institutions and development of good Canadian citizenship, we have the following:

"Permit me, on behalf of the Canadian Guard, to congratulate you on your courageous paper, "The Rebel," a copy of which has just come to hand. The article concerning the Communist attitude towards the Social Credit party is especially significant. It is very gratifying to know that a group of good citizens is opposing the reckless and irresponsible actions of the party now in control in Alberta."

"POOR OLD WILL"

(Tune: Old Black Joe)

By JAY EBY

Gone are the days when we had a little "dough,"
Gone are the days when money used to "flow;"
Now it's so rare, we seldom see a "bill,"
And still he's shouting "Hallelujah!" Poor Old Will!
He's shouting, he's shouting "There is no other way,"
But many times I hear the murmur, Nay! Nay! Nay!

Gone are the days when we had a little say
In government—Now 'tis the other way;
All we do is pay the experts' bills—
From Fig Tree Court the orders come to Poor Old Will.
He's yelling, he's yelling, "You must sign pledges blue;"
But many people now are shouting Boo! Boo! Boo!

Gone are the days when all our thoughts were free,
On theories we never could agree.
Now we are bound, Fee Press he says he'll kill;
Let's whisper—better watch your step—Poor Old Will!
Election! Election! Give us a chance to say,
And we'll all vote against thee William, aye! aye! aye!

Soon comes the day when all this farce will end!
To Edmonton another we will send
Who will at least his promises fulfill;
We'll say good-bye and will not cry for Poor Old Will.
He's running! He's running! He now has had his day,
A loud thansgiving shout we'll raise, Hooray! Hooray!

"A FRIGID, CALCULATED, VERMINOUS LIE!"—

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error of calculation in estimating the attendance would be to accuse him of unbelievable stupidity. Undoubtedly he revealed himself as lacking in gray matter, but ignorance as an excuse is ruled out by the fact that in his introductory remarks he stated that figures originally contained in the telegram had been raised as the attendance had turned out to be larger than anticipated. His lie was therefore calculated and deliberate, and there can be no other conclusion than that it was designed for the express purpose of deceiving Premier King and the public in general.

That deliberate deception was the chief purpose was positively demonstrated by Aberhart himself on the following day when, after having had all this time in which to consider the matter, he never the less read the telegram from his pulpit at the Prophetic Bible Institute, from where it was broadcast by radio to give the impression to the outside world that the rally had been a wonderful success instead of the pathetic "flop" it really happened to be. We do not hesitate to charge that in reading the telegram Aberhart wilfully uttered what he knew to be a foul lie for the specific purpose of deceiving those who were not at the rally. That he had some qualms of conscience over his filthy pollution of a pulpit was indicated when at another point in his address he asked in a reference to the rally, "How many were there—10,000?—15,000?"

Undoubtedly the truth is that the small attendance at the rally was a terrible shock to leaders of the Social Credit party. No doubt it was fully expected that this very special "anniversary" rally, called to commemmorate a very special event, would draw a proportionately large crowd. But it would appear that when the attendance proved to be so disappointingly small, these leaders had not the backbone to face the truth, and so in order to save their faces and to hide the truth from the public, these leaders, in their pique, stupidity and cowardice, decided upon representing the attendance as they had hoped to see it rather than as it was in fact.

And what is the real truth as to the attendance? Exact figures are, unfortunately, not available. However, we were present at the rally and made a very careful estimate on the following basis: Exclusive of a few people scattered about on the outer fringes, the total area covered by the gathering was 30 by 50 yards. The more or less compact portion covered approximately 15 by 25 yards. People do not pack themselves "like sardines" at an open-air meeting; but to be generous we allowed three people per square yard for the compact mass, making a total of 1125 for this portion of the area. In the balance of the area of 1125 square yards there were many open spaces, where people walked about and even children were playing, and an average of one person for every square yard would be a high estimate. This would bring the total to 2250. Allowing 250 to cover odd groups on the outer fringes, brought our grand total to 2500. We submit that on this basis our estimate is more than fair, and we challenge any person who was present at the meeting, including Herbert, Aberhart, Manning and Maynard, to provide a more reasoable estimate on any other basis.

By uttering this despicable lie, Aberhart committed only one more of the many acts any one of which should have condemned him as morally unfit to hold public office of any kind. However, we believe that this time he went a little too far even for his most ardent worshipers. The lie was too brazen, too bold, and by uttering it he not only made a liar of himself, but of every Social Crediter present at the meeting and, in fact, of every member of the organization over the signature of which the telegram was sent. Some of these people are going to object to such rotten crookedness, and Aberhart will learn that by his wilful misrepresentation of the attendance at "over 20,000," he drove perhaps far more than that many vote-nails into his political coffin.

THE PROTEST MEETING

We can do no better than to quote the official organ of the Social Credit party to emphasize the significance of the protest meeting held here last week under the auspices of the People's League. Says The Albertan: "The meeting created a situation **which the government must consider.** If crowds and enthusiasm mean anything in politics, there is something here with meaning, because the crowd and the enthusiasm were both abundant."

The meeting was a completely crushing repudiation of the silly Social Credit lie that 90 percent of the people are behind the government. It demonstrated beyond any possibility of doubt that there are thousands of citizens uncompromisingly determined to uphold British institutions of freedom and justice and ready to sink all party differences in a united effort to establish sane, responsible government in place of the lunatic anti-British administration foisted upon the province by the vile deceptions of an unprincipled rogue.

SOCIAL CREDIT MAKES PEOPLE DISHONEST

SAYS DIDSBURY FARMER

By J. C. FOLKMAN, DIDSBURY

During the election campaign we heard of a Just Price of 55 cents a bushel that would cure all the farmers' ills. A farmer who has lost his crop for three years would have to get $2.20 a bushel, and would still be in the red three years' seed and work. One farmer may get twenty bushels, another nothing. So where is the justice of this Just Price?

As long as we are exporters, we can do nothing as a province. If the grain growing countries of the world would co-operate and set a standard price at which a farmer could make a living, we might get a just price. Farmers who have been carrying municipal hail insurance the last years and got hailed out this year without it, do not think much of our present government for ruining Alberta's credit. When you carry a note for five years without interest and are told by a Social Credit friend that he does not have to pay his old debts, you wonder where all the crooks come from. When you cannot buy or sell stock and produce, without paying or getting cash, you wonder where the trust in our present laws is. A few years ago a farmer could get a loan from his bank for harvest expenses or to buy some feeder cattle, but under our present government you can get nothing. We cannot blame our banks, but our loss of credit. If it were not for the good-will and help of the elevator companies in giving the farmers twine, and cash for repairs, half the crop in this district could not have been cut.

Our government is spending large sums for extra sessions, experts and advisers instead of helping the people. We have men in Alberta who really know our problems and who can give us good and sound democratic government and put an end to our present muddle and chaos.

Finally, to be a good Social Crediter, you have to believe in Aberhart's religion. If you cannot believe in his religion, you cannot believe him. He has made them one, and one is as rotten as the other.

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A WELCOME RELIEF WHEN

MR. BENNETT SPEAKS

YOU JAILED TIM BUCK; WHY NOT ABERHART?

At last the Rt. Hon. Mr. Bennett has spoken, and by his unequivocal condemnation of the dangerous tactics of the Aberhart government he has set at rest much speculation and many unsavory rumors as to where he stands. No doubt now that he has declared himself he will continue to take an open and active part in bringing about a solution to the serious problem confronting, no longer Alberta alone, but the country as a whole.

Mr. Bennett's previous silence since the Aberhart problem became a problem was most disappointing to many, as he must know. Personally, we were particularly annoyed, and said so in the press at the time, over his failure to repudiate Aberhart's public support of him during the last federal election campaign. His silence then undoubtedly encouraged Aberhart's followers in their delusions and created the suspicion that it was nothing less than a studied consideration of partizan expediency. It is our belief that Mr. Bennett would have been re-elected even if Aberhart had opposed him; and while we are satisfied that Aberhart's action in double-crossing his own party by supporting Mr. Bennett was not motivated by the pure, personal friendship he professed for him at the time, nor that a political "saw-off" took place, as some say and think, but, rather, that Aberhart's action was that of a coward fawning at the feet of the mighty in servile gratitude for the crumbs thrown his way and in the selfish hope of receiving further favors,—yet, Mr. Bennett himself must grant that his silence during all this time could only have served to strengthen the worst construction the public made of his attitude.

Neither considerations of statesmanship nor of partizan politics can justify silence under circumstances where certainty cannot attend construction of the silence. The circumstances in Alberta were and are now of such a nature. Mr. Bennett knows that Aberhart is a dishonorable, lying scoundrel who insinuated himself into power by methods so despicable that not even complete fulfilment of his fantastic promises could ever hope to justify him. Aberhart's record of muddling and deception might well have brought Mr. Bennett's condemnation forth long ago. However, he may have held, and perhaps with much justification, that the problem was one of purely local concern. No doubt it was in large measure a local problem; but whether in consequence of the incompetence and indifference of local citizens to cope with it, it has suddenly become a national problem of serious import. As such it merits the attention of national leaders.

Mr. Bennett did not hesitate to take stern measures against Tim Buck. Premier Aberhart is a far greater menace. His insidious propaganda, hypocritically camouflaged with religion, yet as truly Communistic as anything that ever emanated from Moscow, has already caused more strife, sedition, and attempts at subversion of constituted authority than a thousand Tim Buck's could ever have hoped to create, and he should be dealt with accordingly.

EVERY MAN TO HIS TASK

By W. H. ERAUT, Drumheller.

Every man must know his business or failure will follow.

Take for instance if I were a 280-pound baloney with a flat tire for a dome and a lot of nuts wanted me to take charge of a ship and if I had no respect for man or God. When I got into a muddle, should I turn the spinning wheel over to a first class captain while there are plenty to be had, even if I had lied about them and accused them of keeping a dirty, filthy boat, or should I turn the ship over to a bunch of pirates that are ready to wreck everything that comes in sight, with my assistance?—First the church and then all the papers that have a conscience, then the best police force in the world, and replace them, I suppose, with a bunch of gangsters!

Now the banks. They have done an honest business and a certain class of people who owe them and thought they were fine a short time ago, have had their simple minds poisoned by listening to a lot of propaganda. It is to be remembered that the bank's dollar is still superior to the boloney dollar, and the bank fault finders put their savings, if they happen to have any, into the bank in place of a boloney government.

Now if it is the voice of this class of people that will rule the banks, it should be the voice of the people to say whether we like it or not our school districts will remain as they are or to have the large unit. The meeting at Michichi represented 32 districts and the building was packed. Six were in favor of the large unit, and the Honorable Premier said we are going to have the large unit whether we like it or not.

It has been plainly announced that every bona fide citizen in Alberta would receive $25 or $75 dividends per month under Social Credit; there were no restrictions for signing this or that. These dividends are something like the flea a Belgian wanted to describe. He said: "What you call that; you see it, you go put your finger on it and it ain't there."

So let a teacher teach school, a preacher preach the Gospel, a captain man a boat, a statesman be premier, and Alberta will be heaven again. It's hard for some people to know what is religion and what is mere bull.

GET READY TO CHOOSE YOUR WISEST MEN, Says

R. C. CARLILE

A CALGARY BROKER

A government is placed in power by a democratic assembly to carry out the functions of society for the service of society. The present provincial government has neglected these functions and has often hindered its excellent permanent officials in their duties. In place of working for the people, the government has been a gigantic propaganda agency for the theories of Major Douglas, an Englishman hitherto practically unknown in England.

These theories have resulted only in a jumble of words uncomprehended by speaker and listener alike. In the mouths of Albertan Social Crediters the jumble of words sounded like $25 a month, and from this haphazard remark of their leader has resulted the doctrine of despair and pessimism. Poverty in the midst of plenty is his catchword. In the drought area there is poverty, but in two years the government has done nothing to assist in solving the problem. During that time enterprising farmers have on their own initiative taken over and enlarged the Eastern Irrigation District and become prosperous by hard work. The only fly in the ointment is temporary confiscation of part of the money they lent to the provincial government. Many farmers there are going to buy new automobiles.

If Alberta had suffered like Saskatchewan, we might well howl, but we have in Alberta almost half the crop of the West at prices over $1.00, thousands of barrels of oil daily at about $1.40. We have magnificent cities, towns, public utilities, railways and roads and irrigation works handed to us from a previous generation. In the last two years our propaganding government has preached laziness, discouraged thrift and work, frightened our citizens to no purpose, stripped the farmer of his one utility, let down our roads and despoiled the entire people and the public revenue of the profitable tourist business; finally, it has withheld the money belonging to farmers.

Their incompetence and almost wilful neglect of ordinary economy has cost us about $1,250,000 more for government this year than last. Why? Why? We have nothing to show for it. We can pass over the vaporings of Social Credit. The leaders themselves don't believe in it; they don't even know what it means. We are a rich province when we work. Leave us alone, let us work; your job is to govern, to mend the roads, to keep down expenses, to put men to do real, honest work, so that relief may be reduced and real wealth increased. Have you ever thought that this vast land of wealth is only held by us in trust to develop and hand on to the millions of souls who should be here? We have no European war, no Asiatic horrors hanging over us. If you really wish to serve us, the people, be men and work for us and not for our votes.

And now, you people of Alberta, it is no time to mumble old shibboleths about party politics which died provincially years ago. There are now only two parties, the Talkers who talk for themselves, and the Doers who desire no favors and no place. Unite, men and women on the farms and in the towns. Get ready to choose your wisest men when the time for election arrives; send them to Edmonton to work for their fellow men to lower expenses, to encourage development and to open up this country so that our sons can know how and where to work, so that the next generation shall bless instead of curse us.

DOUGLAS IS ALL WET

In a letter of protest to the Dominion Secretary in London regarding the federal government's disallowance of the Alberta bank legislation, Major Douglas says: "In the first place it is observed with regret that the federal cabinet's decision to disallow domestic legislation of Alberta was arrived at **without steps being taken to ensure the decision had the prior support of the people comprising the Dominion.** Secondly, in the opinion of my association, the action of the prime minister is an unwarranted prohibition of acts which have been declared **strictly legal** and in accordance with the **will of people** of Alberta."

By the foregoing it seems that friend Douglas entertained the childish notion that the federal government should either have called a general election with the disallowance matter as the issue, or—and this is the more likely thought—that the initiation of court action on the legislation should have been left to the banks. It does not appear to have percolated through the cranium of Remote-Control Dictator Douglas that it would have been more in accord with common decency and just plain horse-sense if the PROVINCE had not gone ahead with ITS LEGISLATION "without steps being taken to ensure the decision had the prior support of the people comprising the Dominion." Apparently in his twisted conception of things the federal government should submit meekly to every silly whim of the puppets under his control at Edmonton. The legislation, says Douglas, was declared "strictly legal and in accordance with the will of people of Alberta." Silly rot! It was declared ILLEGAL by the province's own attorney general, and he got the axe for being truthful. And note ". . . . in accordance with WILL OF PEOPLE"—not THE people! So what! Is Douglas also so stupid as to reason that the will of the clamorous handful of Social Crediters should be reckoned as the will of the people of the whole Dominion? Or was this just a bit of his jesuitical casuistry to get his Alberta suckers howling their heads off about the "will of the people"?

The trouble with Douglas is that he is woefully ignorant as to the Canadian constitution, Canadian law, and certainly as to the real temper of thinking Canadians, and he is now whining because things are not panning out according to his fanciful dreams. Disallowance of the bank legislation was not anticipated and the blow has left him groggy. That this is the case is borne out by the fact that when the acts were disallowed he stated publicly that he thought this power could be properly exercised only by the governor general PERSONALLY. He also states this as his belief on page 5 of his book, "The Alberta Experiment." On the same page, in fact in the same paragraph, he also reveals his ignorance of Canadian law. Speaking of the power of disallowance, he says: "This power has been exercised on several occasions, chiefly in connection with Bills alleged to impose DIRECT taxation, **which is within the sole competence of the Dominion."** Albertans know that the facts are exactly the reverse. INDIRECT and not direct taxation is denied the provinces.

With an adviser so poorly informed on matters of essential importance, it is small wonder that by switching from Aberhart to Douglas the Alberta legislature has merely jumped from the frying pan into the fire.

THE ALBERTAN RESPONSIBLE

As official organ of the Social Credit party, the Calgary Albertan must assume its share of the responsibility for the "over 20,000" hoax perpetrated by the leaders of its political party in regard to the attendance at the S. C. anniversary rally on St. George's Island. In its report of the affair, The Albertan published the telegram, which it must have known to be a lie, but failed to give its own estimate of the attendance. The omission was quite obviously intentional so as not to conflict with the telegram.

It isn't that The Albertan did not know the figures in the telegram to be false. It so happens that we saw a representative of The Albertan present at the meeting, and only a few minutes before the speaking commenced he estimated the attendance at—not "over 20,000," nor 10,000, nor 5,000, no, not even 3,000, but within 200 of our own estimate.

The Albertan's slogan is, "If it will help Alberta, the Albertan is for it." We suggest that it will not help Alberta nor The Albertan to publish a vicious lie on a matter of public interest. In its duty to the public The Albertan must be held responsible for its sins of omission no less than for those of commission; and in this particular case The Albertan committed the double moral crime of publishing a lie and concealing the truth.

MANNING AND MAYNARD, TOO!

And the Hon. Ernest Manning, this pious, praying puppet who hypocritically prates that "Social Credit need not adopt unfair tactics to achieve its goal," he, too, must accept responsibility for this cheap lie. Likewise, the Hon. Lucien Maynard, who babbled so volubly about the "law of God" at this same meeting, must be reckoned a partner in the shameful deception. "Honorable gentlemen," indeed, to publicly endorse what they knew was—to use an expression by Major Douglas—a "frigid, calculated, verminous lie"!

Douglas: "PASS PRESS ACT"

YES, MR. ABERHART, PLEASE DO!

For over two years, Mr. Aberhart, you have been fuming and blustering and bluffing about licensing the press, but so far all you have done in this "war" against the alleged "diabolical misrepresentations" of the bad, bad publishers is to shoot your mouth off. You have lacked several yards of spine to translate your threat into reality.

For the lovva Pete, do something! You know the old gag about barking dogs never biting. Come on, take at least just a teeny-weeny bite! There is no longer any excuse for merely gassing about the matter. You now have the express command of your Big Chief Dictator Douglas to "Pass Press Act," and surely you are not going to disobey your superior officer. The Rebel is positively itching to be licensed. Well, that is, itching to see you try it, which we don't think you will. But just the same, we are asking you to make good on your bluff and on Douglas' command; and we want to tell you in advance that if you do enact a press licensing act and if it should happen to be designed to prohibit UNRESTRICTED criticism of you and your government, we would refuse to obey such a crazy law.

So we defy, we challenge, we BEG you to please, "purty" please, "PASS PRESS ACT."

OTHERS PROSPER WHILE WE STAGNATE:

ALD. ROBERT H. WEIR

ALDERMAN, CALGARY CITY COUNCIL

For almost two years now, the sane thinking people of this Province have realized the tragic blunder we made in electing to office the Social Credit Government of Wm. Aberhart.

On a visit to Eastern Canada this summer I found the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec almost back on a boom basis. There were thousands of houses being built in eastern cities, roads being paved, debts being paid off, taxes being reduced and in some cases the necessity for relief payments had ceased altogether. Even in the hard hit Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan things are vastly improved, and on a visit to British Columbia, almost a year ago, the same prosperity was everywhere apparent. Carpenters, plasterers, painters and plumbers were all in full time employment and in all these Provinces when Social Credit was mentioned it brought forth a smile of ridicule. But to those of us living in this Province it is no smiling matter.

Hundreds of our business firms are being driven to the wall and faced with bankrupcy. Men are being kept on relief lists while the cities of Alberta are very short of buildings to properly house our people, because it is a well known fact that there are scores of houses in the cities of Alberta where, under present conditions, four and five families are living at the present time; each one of these families under ordinary conditions, ought and would be occupying a house themselves.

Everywhere else in Canada, except this Province, interest has been scaled down voluntarily and money can be secured for development purposes at very low rates.

While we wallow in the mud on our highways, our sister Provinces are enjoying the best year so far in regard to tourist business.

One would scarcely believe that seventy individuals could be found (56 members of the Legislature and 14 members of the Federal house) who would be willing, not only to wilfully and cruelly deceive the people, but go on month after month spreading a gospel and doctrine of hate and suspicion, led by a man who never at any time had the least idea of doing anything for anyone except himself.—R. H. WEIR.